

## **ATTACHMENT B**

### **REMARKS**

By this amendment, without addressing the arguments of the Examiner, and without prejudice to arguments previously made by Applicant in conjunction with the prosecution of this application, Applicants now have amended the application so as to ensure that only allowable claims remain and to place this case in condition for allowance. In particular, Claim 39 has been amended to include the language of Claim 37, and all other claims previously dependent upon Claim 37 are now dependent upon Claim 39. Claim 37 has been canceled without prejudice.

In particular, in the Official Action, the Examiner indicated that Claims 45-48 were allowed (see Office Action Summary) and that Claims 39, 41 and 42 would be allowable if amended to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims upon which they depend. The indication of allowable subject matter is acknowledged with appreciation. Accordingly, pursuant to the Examiner's indication of Allowability, Claim 39 has been amended to include the language of Claim 37 which has now been canceled without prejudice, thus making Claim 39 an allowed claim. In addition, all other claims which previously depended on Claim 37, including Claims 41 and 42, have now been amended to depend upon allowed Claim 39 and are thus allowable as well.

In summary, Claims 45-48 were previously allowed, and Claim 39 has been amended in the manner required by the Examiner to make this claim allowable as well. Finally, all other dependent claims (38 and 40-44) now depend directly or indirectly on allowed Claim 39 and are thus allowable for at least the same reasons as Claim 39.

In light of the amendments and arguments as set forth above, Applicants submit that the present application overcomes all prior rejections and has been placed in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited.

**END OF REMARKS**